

IN THE SPECIFICATION

In accordance with 37 CFR 1.121(b)(1)(iii), Attachment A provides marked up versions of the replacement paragraphs illustrating the newly introduced changes in the specification.

Please replace the paragraph on page 4, starting on line 10, with the following replacement paragraph:

a1 Figure 5 is a perspective view of the subassembly provided on the left hand side of the seat frame;

Please replace the paragraph on page 5, starting on line 1, with the following replacement paragraph:

a2 Figures 18 to 20 are perspective views showing different embodiments of the slip preventing member.

Please replace the paragraph starting on page 13, line 20, with the following replacement paragraph:

a3 Figures 15 and 16 show an embodiment in which a plate member is stamp formed into a pipe member 84 having a rectangular or elliptic cross section so as to present a flattened engagement surface 84a opposing the legs of the vehicle occupant and reduce the surface pressure by achieving a surface contact with the legs of the vehicle occupant. The two edges of the plate member may extend one next to the other in the manner of a depending flange 84b, and spot welded together to retain the tubular shape of the pipe member 84. This pipe member 84 is provided with a pair of ribs 84a extending in the axial direction on either side of the center of the pipe member 84, and a pair of notches 84c are provided in the depending

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flange 84b adjacent to the terminal ends thereof. The ribs 84a locally increase the resistance to the bending deformation of the pipe member 84 while the notches 84c locally decrease the resistance to the bending deformation. Therefore, this pipe member 84 is adapted to undergo a controlled and predicable bending deformation when subjected to a loading at the time of its deployment.